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S. RES. 238

Expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2023

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to with an amended preamble

RESOLUTION

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Whereas service dogs assist individuals with a wide range of challenges,

Whereas service dogs are able to support veterans struggling after war;

Whereas service dogs have assisted individuals in the United States since 1929;

Whereas evidence-based research has shown that service dogs provide numerous health and fitness benefits;

Whereas tens of thousands of service dogs are estimated to be working in the United States today; and

Whereas National Service Dog Day is an appropriate tribute to service dogs and the organizations that offer service dogs free of charge to United States veterans and individuals with disabilities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports recognizing September 20 as Na-
3 tional Service Dog Day;

4 (2) encourages all individuals in the United
5 States to learn about the history of service dogs and
6 the unique, positive impact service dogs have on in-
7 dividuals with disabilities; and

8 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
9 mation calling on the people of the United States to
10 conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-
11 grams to demonstrate support for organizations that
12 train and pair service dogs with disabled individuals
13 in the United States.

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